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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114a. Previously submittedi. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
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ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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